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While retaining Marshal Petain as nominal chief of state and Pierre Laval as nominal chief of Government, they have now placed a man of their choice in the only two key positions still existing. Under their direction, DARNAND a soldier of fortune, controls not only the personal liberty of all citizens but their feed also.

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DARNAND on his part promises to be ruthless even towards his own forces. He has been inspecting police forces in various parts of the country. In Nancy he said for instance "I shall always march in front of the police I command. See to it that there will be no need for me to turn round in order to whip up those who may hesitate."

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